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From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: Statewide Caseworker Contact Results for FFY 16

PURPOSE

This memo is being sent to inform county agencies, DMCPs, and the Special Needs Adoption Program (SNAP) that their efforts resulted in Wisconsin meeting the federal requirement for caseworker contacts in FFY 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act which became law on September 30, 2011, modified the caseworker visitation requirements in the Social Security Act. The previous requirement was for a caseworker visit to occur monthly at a 90% level with 50% of the visits to occur in the child's residence. The federal legislation established 90% as the original requirement, with an increase in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 and beyond to 95%.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Wisconsin met the federal requirement of 95% of all children in out-of-home care having a documented face-to-face contact each and every calendar month the children were in out-of-home care. Wisconsin's performance indicates that 97.41% of children placed in an out-of-home care setting had a documented face-to-face contact during each month they were in out-of-home care. In addition, 87.66% of the contacts occurred in the child's out-of-home care placement. DCF recognizes and applauds all workers for their efforts for ensuring the health, safety and well-being of children in out-of-home care.

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